GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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ALLEGED ILLEGAL PRACTICES IN SPORTS CAMPUSES
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of illegal practices allegedly resorted to by some sportspersons in sports campuses/institutes of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, campus/institute and State-wise;

(c) whether some of the sportspersons used/consumed banned drugs for outstanding performance in sporting events in the recent past and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps/action taken by the Government so far, in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) No, Madam. There are no reports of illegal practices resorted to by sportspersons in sports campuses/institutes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) From January, 2013 to July 2014, 170 sportspersons were found dope-positive. The details of action taken by the Anti Doping Disciplinary/Appeal Panel are at Annexure.

(d) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has conducted outreach programs at various centres and over 8000 sports persons, including supporting staff attended such programs. The technical officials of NADA are regularly visiting Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centres and other places (wherever training camps are held) and educating the athletes on doping in sports and harmful side effects of the dope substances by conducting lectures/seminars/workshops etc. on regular basis with the help of dope control hand books printed in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Punjabi.

NADA has constitute a panel of experts comprising of medical doctors, legal members and eminent sports persons to advise on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign.

NADA has also decided to conduct 50 anti doping awareness workshops/seminars for all stakeholders in this financial year. Out of this, 13 workshops are already conducted till date.